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SUBJECT: INS PULLS OUT OF REFUGEE ACTION

1. I AM DISTRESSED THAT INS HAS UNCEREMONIOUSLY PULLED OUT OF THE REFUGEE ACTION HERE AND TURNED THE WHOLE SHOW OVER TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL. IT WAS BAD ENOUGH THAT INS SENT A GROUP OVER FROM GUAM ARMED WITH THE WRONG INSTRUCTIONS AND THE REFUGEES HAD TO BE COMPLETELY RESCREENED. NOW THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR IS GOING OFF ON HOME LEAVE AND THE NO 2. IS MOVING UP TO TAKE OVER, SO WILL BE OSTENSIBLY UNAVAILABLE TO WORK ON THE REFUGEES. THE HEAD OF OUR CONSULAR SECTION IS MANFULLY TAKING OVER THE FILES ON THE 3,300 REFUGEES INS HAS SO FAR SCREENED. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OUT OF THE MASS OF CONFLICTING INS/IATF INSTRUCTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON THIRD-COUNTRY REFUGEE POLICY SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED IN A SOMEWHAT ORDERLY FASHION WITH LIQUIDATION OF THE PROBLEM HERE.

2. WHAT BOTHERS ME MOST IS THAT THE INS WITHDRAWL IS ON THE BASIS OF A TELEPHONE CALL THEY RECIEVED. WE STILL HAVE NOT RECIEVED ANYTHING ON THIS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND/OR THE IATF. WE ARE PROCEEDING ON THE TENUOUS BASIS OF THE INS PHONE CALL, BUT I STILL WOULD LIKE
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SOME INSTRUCTIONS AND PERHAPS AN EXPLANATION. I WOULD

HOPE THAT THE INS ACTION IS NOT BASED ON THEIR READING
THAT THE WHOLE REFUGEE OPERATION IS ABOUT TO BLOW UP
AND THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE PART OF THE EXPLOSION.
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